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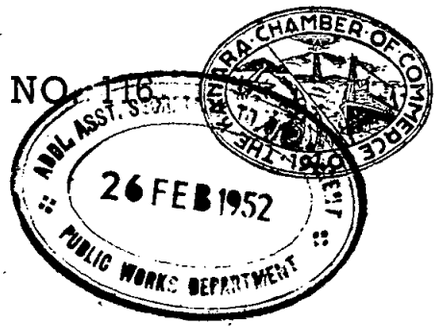

Date 21st February 1952.

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The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: SOUTHERN RAILWAY- Reconstitution of former S.I. & M.S.M.Rly.Advisory Committees- Broad-Gauge Regional Advisory Committee- Constitution of- Representation for this Chamber.

Ref: Memorandum presented to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, during his visit to the Chamber on 9-11-51.

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We invite your kind attention to the printed memorandum presented to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Government of Madras, during his visit to this Chamber on 9th November, 1951. A copy of it is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to assure us that he would have the various requirements mentioned in the memorandum, examined and see what could be done to fulfil the same at the earliest possible time.

We shall be grateful if you will kindly let us know the action taken by the Government so far on the various issues raised therein.

We have to invite your particular attention to the second para on page 3 of the memorandum, wherein we had urged the necessity of giving a representation to this Chamber on the proposed Broad Gauge Regional Advisory Committee of the Southern Railway, which is due to be constituted shortly. As the State Government is the recommending Authority for this purpose, we had addressed the following communications to the Government which may kindly be referred to once again:-

(1) Our telegram to you dated 10-7-51.
(2) Our letter to you dated 10-7-51.
(3) Our further letter to you dated 16-7-51 enclosing a copy of letter dated 12-7-51 received from the General Manager of the Southern Railway.
(4) Our another letter dated 16-7-51.

Referring to this subject, the Hon'ble Minister in his reply, stated as follows:-

" With regard to similar representation on the Railway Advisory Committee, the Railway Department have told us that they will take up the reconstitution of the Committees only when they take up the entire proposal in accordance with the merger of railways and I assure you, when they take up the general reconstitution of the Committees, to see that your Chamber will have representation on the Committee."

We shall be glad to know how far the matter stands at

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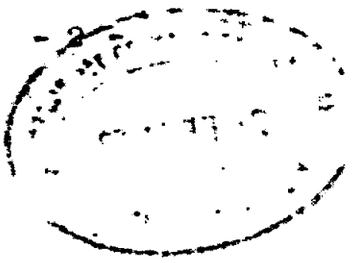

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CH[illegible]

Hon. Sec.

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THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MANGALORE **SOUTH KANARA.**

Telegrams: "CHAMBER"
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P. O. BOX NO. 116,
BUNDER, MANGALORE,
9th November, 1951.

To

The Hon'ble Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, B. A., B. L.,

Minister for Public Works,

Government of Madras,

Camp: MANGALORE.

Sir,

It is with great pleasure that we once again extend to you a warm welcome to our District and to our Chamber. You have always cherished a soft corner in your heart for our District and our Chamber, and thus we are emboldened to press upon you, from time to time, the minimum legitimate requirements of this District in the expectation of their fulfilment. We are aware that you have extended your willing hands to this district, but we beg to represent that much has yet to be done and we crave your sympathetic attention to these.

PORT TRUST FOR MANGALORE

It was with very great pleasure that we read your recent Statement to the Press that the Government of Madras will shortly be taking steps to set up a Port Trust for Mangalore and develop it into an All-Weather Port and to this end, they will undertake necessary legislation; we hope this legislation will be introduced in the next session of the Assembly. We feel, grateful to you, Sir, for recognising our claim for a Port Trust and for impressing upon the Government of India and the National Harbour Board to agree to and accept the proposal. We, on our part will assure you, Sir, that this opportunity given to us to develop our Port by our own resources, and with the help of the Government of Madras and the Government of India, will be fully availed of and we shall not belie the trust that you will thus repose on us.

MANGALORE AS AN ALL-WEATHER PORT

We were happy when you sanctioned the expenditure to conduct experiments at the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona, to investigate into the possibilities of developing Mangalore Port into an All-Weather Port. It was with deep concern that we learnt from the Director of the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona, who was here in September last, for the inspection of the Port, that although the Model Experiments are well on the way, the necessary data of river actions has not been furnished. This was attributed to the delay in the appointment of necessary staff sanctioned and allotted for the purpose. However, on bringing this fact to your kind notice, you were kind enough to expedite the appointments. But now we learn that some essential equipments required for the work has yet to be procured. The experiments now being conducted at Poona are of great importance and potentiality, not only for the development of the Mangalore Port, but would also prove invaluable in solving the problems of other schemes and projects in the State. Hence we have to request you, Sir, to direct the appropriate authorities to expedite this work by providing all necessary equipments and any other requirements for the purpose.

SRI NANJUNDIAH'S REPORT ON MINOR PORTS

Sri S. Nanjundiah, in his Report on the Survey of Minor Ports recently published, has kindly recommended certain essential and immediate requirements of Mangalore Port for early execution. We urge that these recommendations may be given top priority in sanctioning these requirements.

NAUTICAL SCHOOL & SHIP-BUILDING YARD

We venture to suggest that the back-waters at Mangalore, lend themselves admirably for the establishment of a Nautical School and a Ship-building yard for small vessels and crafts with auxiliary engines. The necessary raw materials and skilled labour are available in plenty. We, therefore, request you to remember our claim when a suitable opportunity arises.

SUPPLY OF JOG POWER TO SOUTH KANARA

We were pleased when the Government sanctioned the Jog Electric Supply Scheme; but our pleasure has given place to concern and anxiety at the news that the Agreement has not yet been signed and the progress of the work, therefore, is slow and creeping. Several deputations from this District that waited upon you and the Mysore Government have been repeatedly assured that the extension of the Jog Supply to this District would not be made a bargaining counter for the schemes of other Districts. We need hardly press upon you, to expedite and hasten the completion of this project since every year's delay in the execution of the scheme will retard the progress of this District by decades both in agricultural and industrial developments. May we request you Sir, to give us a positive indication of the settlement of the outstanding issues in regard to the terms and conditions of the supply and the execution of the scheme?

MANGALORE-HASSAN RAILWAY

This Railway line has been the dream of Mysore and Kanara since the early nineties of the last century, and ironically still remains a dream. The Chamber has, before this, submitted memorandums explaining the importance of the line but the Central Board of Transport has deferred consideration of this scheme pending the decision on the location of a Major Port. This is an all important railway link essential in itself without being coupled with any other scheme or project. It passes through very fertile and thickly populated parts of Mysore and South Kanara, rich in agricultural, forest and mineral products and also passes through the Malnad Area and will contribute for their development. We have also explained how this line is an absolute necessity whichever port is chosen for siting the major port and our demand is therefore not only independent of the problem of location of the major port but also is essential to meet the requirements of a major port whichever site may be chosen for its location. Recently the Hassan and South Kanara District Boards have also been pressing for this Railway Link. As has been recommended by Sri S. Nanjundiah, we have to request you, Sir, to press upon the Central Board of Transport to take up the necessary investigation for the scheme independently of the problem of siting of the Port.

MALAVUR BRIDGE EN ROUTE TO AERODROME

The Aerodrome for Mangalore has at last materialised and when it opens, it will open up a new era for the district as the one defficiency that has been the first cause of all our backwardness, that is lack of proper contact with the country at large and our capitals in particular, would be removed effectively. This project is making a very steady progress. The present approach to the Aerodrome is by a circuitous road 17 miles in length and the construction of a Bridge across the Gurpur River at Malavur would cut down this distance nearly by half. Its usefulness is not limited to the Aerodrome alone, as it will serve a very important feeding area of this growing city as the Mangalore-Bajpe road via Malavur is the most important road from which most of the supplies arrive at this city and will cut down distance to and open up other areas in this district which are now defficient in communications. Besides, this Bridge will give added importance to Kateel, Yekkar and other Bridges which have been recently constructed or are under construction. The population of the Municipal area of this city is a lakh and twenty-five thousands and that of the suburban area is about another lakh. This fast growing city which has doubled its population during the last decade is extending northwards and this bridge will help the development of the city in that direction.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS & CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN SOUTH KANARA

This is the only district in the State which is very deficient in good roads and is lacking in essential bridges. There are over a thousand lorries, buses and cars plying in this District and most of the communications are only through the two main roads, the conditions of which are anything but good. We have to request you, Sir, to take up the question of immediately concreting or mexphalting the Mangalore-Karkal and Mangalore-Jodumarga Roads and bridging of some of the rivers which cut across the district. The Kuloor Bridge which is a gift from you to this district and which is nearing completion will be more useful to the people of the district if Pavanje, Mulky and Udiyavar rivers are also bridged. We request you to consider the question of bridging these rivers also which can be done at no great cost.

IRRIGATION

To-morow you would be proceeding to the new irrigation works at Siriya and would be inaugurating its service to our District. It is a proud moment for our District and is being fittingly inaugurated by you. We are proud of it, not because it meets our requirements, but because in the matter of irrigation it opens up a new chapter for the district and evidences the great change in the attitude of the Government, which in the past would not consider our case at all for these benefits. But the schemes are many and execution is only a small part. Development of irrigation has been in the past or even in the present for "Haves", the "Haves" who had not only irrigation, but also food as well. We are only the "Have nots" both in irrigation and food. We want your help and assistance to make us join in the national attempt to grow more food which can be done only by well planned and quickly executed irrigation schemes and thus to meet our food deficits.

REPRESENTATION FOR THE CHAMBER ON THE P. & T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Several schemes for the expansion of telecommunication in this district await either execution or sanction by the Posts & Telegraphs Department, since a long time and the progress made is too slow. Our district being the farthest from the Capital of the State, we always feel a sense of distance and separation from the Administrative Headquarters and our needs seldom receive proper or prompt attention. By serving on Advisory Committees alone, we can impress upon the Goverment and the authorities concerned, the reality of our dire necessities to remedy the age-old neglect to which this district had been subjected to. A Regional Advisory Committee for Madras Circle, for Posts & Telegraghs, is functioning since the last 3 years with 3 representatives of Trade & Commerce, selected on your recommendation, from Chambers of Commerce in Madras City alone while no opportunity has been given to any of the mofussal Chambers of Commerce in the State. This omission was pointed out to you when you visited this Chamber on 16-9-1949 and it was represented that mofussal Chambers of Commerce may also be given representation on the said Committee. The Government, in their reply dated 7-1-1950 assured the Chamber that our request would be given due consideration when the Committee was due to be reconstituted in 1951. But we are disappointed to note that the position to-day is the same as was in 1949. The Postmaster-General Madras has expressed strongly in favour of our representation and the Director-General of Posts & Telegraphs, New Delhi has desired us and also the Postmaster General, to approach the Madras Government with our suggestion for their consideration. We hope, you will once again take up this matter for active consideration and concede the reasonable request of ours.

BROAD-GAUGE REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Consequent on the integration of the M. & S. M. and S. I. Railways into Southern Railway, the latter will have 3 separate Regional Advisory Committees, for the Central, Northern and Southern Regions with Headquarters at Madras, Mysore and Trichinopoly, each having 3 representatives of Chambers of Commerce as recommended by the appropriate State Governments. Our interests are territorially concerned with the the Broad-Gauge Regional Advisory Committee to be set up at Madras. As represented to you in our communications dated 16-7--1951, the Madras Government will have to recommend 6 representatives of Chambers of Commerce to serve on the three different Committees. The General Manager of the Southern Railway suggests that the Chamber approach you and it is hoped that you will give due weight to the representations already made and confer upon us the privilege of serving on the Broad-Gauge Regional Advisory Committee.

We present these requirements of the District for your favourable consideration. We request you, Sir, to give your best and earliest attention for the fulfilment of the same for which our district and this Chamber will ever remain grateful to you, since the projects mentioned above will mark the distinct mile-stones on our road to progress.

We thank you, Sir, for giving us this opportunity to present this memorandum and hope you will allow us to express our deep gratitude for this visit of yours and for the opportunity you have given us to repeat and represent the development of this district. We await with great hope and anticipations, the various reliefs that you would give us after considering this representation.

We do wish and hope that you and your party will again be returned to re-shoulder the burdens of the State and we await the opportunity to welcome you once again, soon after the elections and the formation of the Government.

We remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. Umanath Rao,

President.

Navabharat Press, Mangalore.

P.W.D.(F)3.

Letter No. 14186 F/52-1 dated 7.3.52.

To The Honorary Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce
Mangalore-1

Sir,

Railways. Southern Rly. Reconstitution of Local Advisory committees - Representation.

Ref. your letter dated 21-2-52.

I am directed to state that no communication has so far been received from the Rly. Administration in the matter and that necessary action will be taken as it is received. a/c proper time.

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Note:- With reference to X on p1 c/f., attention is invited to this dept's note at M on pp 10-11 of

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the request of the Chamber will be considered

Memo. No 276 P.W. d 20.11.51. No communication has since been received from the G.H. in the matter. The draft letter overleaf is for approval.

THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

P. O. BOX NO. 116, MANGALORE-1 (S. INDIA)

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Date 14th July, 1952.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: SOUTHERN RAILWAY- Reconstitution of Advisory Committees- Representation for this Chamber.

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Ref: (1) Our telegram and letter to you dated 10-7-51.

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(2) Our further letters to you dated 16-7-51 enclosing a copy of letter dated 12-7-51 received from the General Manager, Southern Railway.

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(3) Memorandum presented to H.M.Public Works, during his visit to this Chamber on 9-11-51.

Pp1-2 of Letter No. 14186 P/52-1 dt 7-3-52 (S)

(4) Our letter to you dated 21-2-1952.

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We invite a reference to the correspondence on the above subject resting with our letter to you dated the 21st February 1952. We have to state that no reply has been received till now.

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We request once again that we may be favoured with your reply, particularly on the point as to how far the question of formation of the Regional Advisory Committee for the Broad Gauge, has progressed.

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Hon. Secretary.

P.W.3(F).

Letter No. 58182 F/52-1 dated 19.7.52.

To. The Honorary Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce
Mangalore-1

Sir.

Railways - Southern Railway - Reconstitution of Local Advisory Committees - Representation.
Ref. your letter ~~No.~~ dated 14.7.52.

I am directed to invite attention to this Govt's letter No. 14186 F/52-1 dt 7.3.52 (copy enclosed) and to state that no further Communication has been received from the Rly. Administration in the matter.

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Note — A reply has already been sent to the Chamber. However in view of the P.C., a copy of it may be sent to the Chamber and it may also be informed that no further Communication has been received from the Rly. Admn. The draft letter overleaf is for approval. After issue, may be filed with Letter No. 14186/52-I dt 9.3.52.

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